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SUBJ: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S APPEAL FOR FAO SAHELIAN ZONE  
DROUGHT FUND

1. UNSYG MORSE'S OFFICE PASSED TO MISOFF TEXT OF APPEAL  
BEING MADE BY SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR \$30 MILLION OF  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAO SAHELIAN ZONE DROUGHT FUND. THE TEXT  
OF THE APPEAL CONTAINS BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND AN  
EXPLANATION OF THE COMPUTATION USED TO ARRIVE AT THE FIGURE  
OF \$30 MILLION. MORSE'S OFFICE ALSO INFORMED MISOFF THAT  
SYG PLANNING TO CONVENE IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL  
1974 A DONORS CONFERENCE ON PROGRAM FOR THE MEDIUM AND  
LONG TERM.

2. TEXT OF APPEAL FOLLOWS:

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"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3054 (XXVIII) OF 17 OCTOBER 1973, CONCERNING MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE..... SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION STRICKEN BY DROUGHT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED.

IN THAT RESOLUTION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INTER ALIA, REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO) TO USE THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATIONS IN THE DROUGHT AFFECTED SUDANO-SAHELIAN COUNTRIES FOR CONTINUING ADVANCE PLANNING AND THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE DURING 1974. IN THE RESOLUTION THE ASSEMBLY ALSO APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO GIVE THE MOST FAVOURABLE RESPONSE POSSIBLE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A RECENT MULTI-DONOR MISSION SPONSORED BY FAO, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATIONS OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE..... MET IN 1973-1974. A COPY OF THAT MISSION'S REPORT IS ENCLOSED.

IN ADDITION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY URGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO GIVE EFFECTIVE HELP TOWARDS THE MOBILIZATION OF THE RESOURCES AND EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE COMPLETE AND RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME DECIDED ON BY THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. IT ALSO INVITES ALL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE CO-ORDINATION SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THE PERMANENT INTER-STATE COMMITTEE, IN LIAISON WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SAHELIAN OFFICE.

THE SPECIAL SAHELIAN OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DROUGHT AFFECTED COUNTRIES, CONCERNED ELEMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE ELABORATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND CO-ORDINATED UNITED NATIONS RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM THE REGION. DURING THE MONTHS AHEAD, MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES TO MEET THESE REQUESTS WILL NECESSARILY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER APPEALS. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT THE HUMANITARIAN INTEREST, SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION BE SUSTAINED

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AND INTENSIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

ACCORDING TO THE FAO SPONSORED MULTI-DONOR MISSION, WHICH VISITED CHAD, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, SENEGAL AND UPPER VOLTA, THE FOOD SITUATION AND THE NUTRITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR A RELATIVELY LARGE PART OF THE POPULATION, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE NOMADS, ARE STILL VERY SERIOUS. THE STATE OF SOME GROUPS, INCLUDING YOUNG CHILDREN AND OLDER PEOPLE

ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF UNDERNOURISHMENT, IS CRITICAL. MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND HEALTH ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY HAVE TO BE FURTHER EXPANDED. IN SPITE OF SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE RAINS AND THE HARVEST THIS YEAR IN SOME AREAS, LOCAL PRODUCTION WILL NOT COVER THE FOOD NEEDS OF THE ZONE, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR THE TRANSIENT POPULATION WHICH CROSSES FRONTIERS IN SEARCH OF FOOD, NOR WILL THE 1973 HARVEST ALLOW THE REPLENISHMENT OF EVEN A BARE MINIMUM OF SECURITY STOCKS. THEREFORE, EMERGENCY MEASURES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM CO-ORDINATED BY FAO THROUGH ITS OFFICE FOR THE SAHELIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS (OSRO) MUST CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH 1974.

THE FAO MULTI-DONOR MISSION HAS RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN KIND DURING 1973-1974 OF APPROXIMATELY: 450,000 TONS OF CEREALS OVER AND ABOVE EXISTING COMMITMENTS AND CEREALS IN TRANSIT AND 60,000 TONS OF PROTECTIVE FOODS, INCLUDING 25,000 TONS OF MILK POWDER, 20,000 TONS OF BUTTER OIL AND 15,000 TONS OF CSM (CORN-SOYA-MILK).

AT THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE, HELD IN ROME IN NOVEMBER 1973, THE SIX GOVERNMENTS STATED THAT, BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE AND INTERRUPTED RAINS TOWARDS THE END OF THE CROP SEASON, THE ACTUAL HARVESTS WERE MUCH BELOW EXPECTATIONS IN SEVERAL AREAS, AND THAT THEREFORE THE TOTAL NEEDS FOR CEREALS MIGHT BE AS HIGH AS 1.2 MILLION TONS, HOWEVER, FOR IMMEDIATE PLANNING THE NET FIGURE OF 450,000 TONS OF CEREALS RECOMMENDED BY THE MISSION MAY BE TAKEN AS A WORKING BASIS, SUBJECT TO REVISION LATER, AS NECESSARY.

THE MISSION ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR IMPROVING STORAGE FACILITIES AND FOR PRE-POSITIONING ADEQUATE QUANTITIES OF FOOD GRAINS AND PROTECTIVE FOODS ON SITE TO MEET THE REQUIRE-  
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MENTS OF CERTAIN REMOTE AREAS WHICH HAD TO BE SUPPLIED BY COSTLY AIRLIFTS IN 1973. ANOTHER IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION URGED THAT FAO CONTINUE THE ARRANGEMENTS TO MONITOR INCOMING FOOD SHIPMENTS TO OVERCOME TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES.

BESIDES THE SUPPLY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CEREALS AND PROTECTIVE FOODS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A CASH REQUIREMENT US \$30 MILLION TO THE FAO SAHELIAN ZONE TRUST FUND WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

(IN US DOLLARS)

PURCHASE, STORAGE AND SUPPLY OF 30,000 TONS

OF SEEDS 3,000,000

ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF

TRUCKS 4,000,000

OTHER MEASURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MULTI-DONOR MISSION, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION FOR

STORAGE FACILITIES	2,000,000
UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) PRO- GRAMMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND NURSING AND PREGNANT MOTHERS	6,000,000
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) PROGRAMMES, DRUGS AND MEDICAMENTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND OTHER HEALTH MEASURES	5,000,000
ANIMAL HEALTH	4,000,000
ANIMAL FEED REQUIREMENTS	6,000,000

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS EARNESTLY HOPE THAT ALL STATES MEMBERS  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF  
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY EXTENDED  
GENEROUS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE IN KIND OR IN CASH TO THE FAO SAHELIAN ZONE TRUST  
FUND, TO HELP MEET THIS URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEED. CONTRIBUTIONS  
IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS APPEAL MADE TO UNICEF OR WHO FOR  
EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMMES IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN  
REGION WILL, OF COURSE, BE CREDITED TO THE DONORS."  
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